(b) the total amount given to the families of the deceased persons as compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A total of 690 consequential train accidents occurred on Indian Railways during the period from January, 1986 to January, 1987 and 241 persons lost their lives in these accidents.

(b) The railways are awaiting Awards from the Claims Commissioners.

Accidents by D.T.C. Buses

931. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in accidents by the D.T.C. buses in Delhi since January, 1986; and

(b) the total amount of compensation paid to the families of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A total of 190 persons were killed in accidents involving DTC buses in Delhi from January, 1986 to January, 1987. It is the Motor Accident Claims Tribunals which receive and consider the claim applications and make awards. Out of the accidents involving DTC buses during the period from January, 1986 to December, 1986, DTC has received summons/notices in 112 cases from various M.A.C.Ts. However, the M.A.C.Ts. have passed interim Award in 16 cases and have passed final Award in one case only. The Corporation has deposited a sum of Rs. 2,80,000/- as compensation payable to the claiments in 17 of these cases in which interim/final awards have been passed by motor Accidents Claims Tribunals.

S.T.D. facilities in Madhya Pradesh

932. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria according to which the towns/places are indentified for providing the STD facilities;

(b) what are the number of places which have STD facilities in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat as on date; and

(c) what are the names of other places in Madhya Pradesh that are likely to be linked with STD facility during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) In view of limited resources available, the following criteria are followed in identifying towns for STD facilities:

(i) All state capitals and Union territory capitals.

(ii) District Headquarters.

(iii) Exchanges of capacity 1000 lines and more.

In addition, Automatic exchanges which are conveniently linked by existing stable transmission media are also considered for STD facility.

(b) The number of places which have STD facilities in the state of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat as on date are as follows:—

Madhya Pradesh	18
Kerala	52
Maharashtra	41
Gujarat	22

(c) The names of other places in Madhya Pradesh that are likely to be linked with STD facility during the current Five Year Plan, are:

1. Ambikapur
2. Balaghat

3. Betul
4. Bhind
5. Chhindwara
6. Chhatarpur
7. Dhar
8. Dhamtari
9. Damoh
10. Datia
11. Guna
12. Hoshangabad
13. Jhabua
14. Jagdalpur
15. Khargone
16. Mandla
17. Mandsaur
18. Morena
19. Narsinghpur
20. Panna
21. Raigarh
22. Raisan
23. Rajgarh
24. Raj Nandgaon
25. Ratlam
26. Rewa
27. Satna
28. Jaora
29. Shahdol
30. Shajapur
31. Shivpuri
32. Sidhi
33. Tikamgarh
34. Itarsi
35. Mandideep
36. Bargarh
37. Neemuch
38. Bhilai

(one way STI exists)

Efficient postal service in backward areas of Madhya Pradesh

933. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a matter of policy Government have identified certain backward and tribal areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh for providing them better postal services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that in certain remote tribal areas of the said State, the ordinary dak takes several days to be delivered and if so, whether Government contemplate to make the postal services in those areas quicker and more efficient; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tribal areas for the purpose of Postal Development refers to the areas, identified as "Tribal" for purposes of implementation of tribal sub-plans/Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) by the State Government. Similarly, backward areas of the main areas declared as backward by the State Government for purposes of accelerated development.

(c) and (d) No such case has come to the notice of local postal authorities. Constant efforts are being made to streamline the postal net work and efforts are being made to reduce the time taken during transit of mails in order to eliminate delay.

Encephalitis in Delhi

934. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of deaths that occurred due to encephalitis in Delhi; and

(b) what remidial steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELAFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b)